

DFAS-SL Transition

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to the first edition of the transition newsletter. It is my intent to provide you a one-stop guide on the transition. News you can use to determine what is best for you in the coming months. In this first volume you will read about workshops and training the state of Missouri is going to provide us over the next few months, the arrival of a major new Army command coming to Scott AFB and how that may generate opportunities for you, where to locate transition documents on our computer network and helpful web sites. The frequency of the newsletter will depend on what is new to publish. However, expect an update every two or three weeks or sooner if needed. Vic Scuzzo, our transition project officer, will serve as the editor. We need your ideas on what to include in these newsletters so please let Vic know what you want.

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State of Missouri Training

Division of Workforce Development

Representatives from the Missouri Career Center and the Missouri AFL-CIO met with DFAS senior managers this past week. The AFL-CIO has a contractual agreement with the Missouri Division of Workforce Development called the Dislocated Worker Program, which is funded by the United States Department of Labor. When there is a plant closure or layoff, the state of Missouri is notified and the Dislocated Worker Program is the liaison to companies. They help hook up the dislocated worker with program service providers, which give training, counseling, and other referral services.

Transition Team Training Sessions

A transition team concept will be used and is based on the assumption that workers affected by BRAC are more likely to ask knowledgeable "co-workers" about the available programs and services. Missouri program coordinators will train the DFAS Transition Team. The transition team will consist of Mr. Frisch, Vic Scuzzo, 3 individuals from Business Mgt. office, 6 union representatives and one individual each from Accounting, Vendor Pay, Travel and Corp. Resources. This team will act as an information center for DFAS St. Louis. During the training session the DFAS transition team will learn about the many free programs and services that are available for dislocated workers. The training sessions are scheduled for February 16th and 23rd.

Additional Information

Additional information is available at the Missouri Division of Workforce Development web site at <http://ded.mo.gov/wfd/>. Information on programs and services offered through Missouri Career Centers and a link to the Great Hires-State a local job search database, allowing job seekers to post resumes where they can be seen by over 10,000 registered Missouri businesses. Also, by calling 1-888-728-JOBS you will be connected to the Missouri Career Center nearest you.

DFAS-Columbus Center.



Above is a view of the Columbus Building from the southwest showing the main entrance on the right. The building includes a conference center, on-site training rooms, and a dining facility. The building is located on a secure federal installation which has two satellite colleges, a fitness center, a child-care facility, and meets all anti-terrorism requirements. Parking is plentiful and free, and commutes are short (Columbus was recently rated as having the 4th-shortest commute time in the U.S.).

As Ms. Zmyslinski, Site Director at DFAS Columbus stated, "My team has partnered with the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to give you as much information as we possibly can about our great city. A web page has been created at <http://www.dfascolumnbusjobs.com> that will provide you with the tools you need to make an informed decision.

Additional Helpful Web Sites

Department of Defense Sites

- [DoD BRAC Site](#)
- [BRAC Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [DoD Transformation](#)

DFAS Sites

- [DFAS's Official Public Web Site](#)
- [DFAS Careers Page](#)
- DFAS Civilian PCS Resource Guide

<https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/psa/PCS/index.htm>

Other Federal Sites

- [OPM's USA Jobs Site](#)
- [Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program \(ICTAP\)](#)

Other State Sites

Link to Illinois workforce services:

<http://www.ides.state.il.us/default.asp>

Office Locator-Illinois Employment & Training Centers

<http://www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/network/index.asp>

Scott Airbase BRAC Information

The US Army Surface Deployment & Distribution Command (SDDC) will be relocating to Scott Airforce Base. The web site for SDDC is:

<http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Home>

The BRAC Timeline information is currently unavailable, but will be included in a future issue.

Quotes

"People don't plan to fail. They fail to plan." – Mark McCormick

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." – Bertha Calloway

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future." – John F. Kennedy

Note From the Editor

As COL Kacsur had mentioned this is our first edition of the **DFAS-SL Transition** newsletter. I need your ideas on what to include. In addition, a DSL-BRAC folder has been created out on public folders. I plan on placing answers to your questions, old newsletters or transition documents in the folder.

Thanks

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